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## Updated Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County in Final Form Board of Supervisors to Approve Regulations at Public Hearing on July 6

PHOENIX (June 22, 2011) – The <u>final updated Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County</u> was presented to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors for their approval and adoption at a public hearing during the board's formal meeting on June 22, 2011 at the Supervisors' Auditorium located at 205 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona. The hearing was continued

to the board's formal meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on July 6, 2011.

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County (District) manages the content of the Regulations. The Board of Supervisors sits as the Board of Directors of the Flood Control District. The adoption of the Regulations is mandated by Arizona Revised Statute §48-3609, Chapter 21, Section B.

The final Regulations are available for review on the District's Web site, www.fcd.maricopa.gov. A <u>Summary of the Key Revisions</u> may also be viewed. Additional revisions were made on June 22, 2011 to reflect public comment and state statute revisions. A copy of the Regulations showing the tracked changes is available upon request by contacting Ms. Kelli Sertich at the e-mail address above. *Please access the Regulations and revisions summary through the links in this paragraph.* 

The draft revisions were presented for public review and comment during the first quarter of 2011. On April 27, 2011, the Flood Control Advisory Board approved and recommended that the Board of Directors approve the District's revisions to the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County.

The Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County have been in force since February 25, 1974. In order to ensure continued compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Community Rating System (CRS) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Flood Control District periodically reviews and updates the Regulations, which were enacted as part of <u>Title 48</u> of the Arizona Revised Statutes. The last full revision was in December 2006.

The purpose of the revisions to the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County is to meet new federal and Arizona Department of Water Resources requirements; implement minor corrections to content and text; incorporate new administrative procedures; maintain conformity with other Flood Control District regulations and guidelines; evaluate and reassess the Fee Schedule adding flexibility to the categories; and consider changes that would assist the Flood Control District in obtaining additional CRS credits, ultimately placing the District in a higher class rating that allows for County residents to receive a discount on their flood insurance.